

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2281**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel B. Winslow***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a seat belt defense.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>		<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>

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By Mr. Winslow of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2281) of Daniel B. Winslow and others establishing a seat belt defense in civil actions for certain personal injuries incurred in a motor vehicle accident. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act establishing a seat belt defense.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 13A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:

3           (g) Evidence of failure to comply with this section by any person 18 years of age or over  
4 shall be admissible in any civil action by that person for personal injuries resulting from the use  
5 or operation of a motor vehicle if the defense establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that  
6 the injuries suffered were worse than would have been suffered with the use of a safety belt as  
7 required by this section.